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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to a final office action dated October 16, 2007, Applicants submit the
following amendment and remarks for entry in the above-identified application.

Concurrently, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.